

Our Forested History - A Legacy of Stewardship

Create a timeline of important dates from Woodstock's and Vermont's Forested History. You must include all of the events that are marked with an 🍌 in your timeline. Choose 10 or more other events that you think are interesting or significant. Review the Rubric for Assessing a Timeline so that all of the criteria will be met for successful completion of this project.

- <---1700s - Native Americans use the land
- 1760 Fall of Montreal: the French give land to the British
- 1761 Many Vermont towns incorporated
- 1789 Charles Marsh Family settles in Woodstock
- 1801 George Perkins Marsh born
- 🍌1810 Sheep Fever Period. Serious deforestation of Vermont begins and continues for the next 100 years
- 1835 Young Frederick Billings' Family moves to Woodstock
- 1840 Sheep Fever ends; many Vermonters leave the state
- 1849 California Gold rush
- 1849 Frederick Billings arrives in San Francisco
- 1849 George Perkins Marsh appointed minister to Turkey
- 1861 Civil War begins in U.S.
- 🍌1864 George Perkins Marsh publishes Man and Nature
- 1865 Civil War ends
- 1869 Frederick Billings purchases the Marsh house and Farm
- 1882 George Perkins Marsh dies in Italy
- 1890 Frederick Billings dies in Woodstock
- 1904 Gifford Pinchot, 1st chief of U.S. Forest Service visits Woodstock and Billings Farm
- 🍌1914 14 major tree plantings on Mt. Tom completed ~
Reforestation of Vermont underway
- 1915 Chestnut Tree Blight hits Vermont, nearly all chestnuts cut down
- 1916 National Park Service created
- 1917 U. S. enters World War I
- 1918 World War I ends
- 1929 The Great Depression begins
- 🍌1932 Green Mountain National Forest established
- 1941 U.S. enters World War II
- 1945 World War II ends
- 1948 1st inventory of Vermont's forests
- 1948 3,729,700 acres of forests in Vermont
- 1954 Mary and Laurance Rockefeller move into Marsh-Billings mansion
- 1956 Mt. Tom forest enrolled as Vermont Tree Farm #1 recognizing forest stewardship
- 1967 Marsh Billings mansion dedicated as a National Historic Landmark
- 1983 Billings Farm opens to the public
- 1992 Mary and Laurance Rockefeller donate their land and home 555 acres on Mt. Tom to the people of the United States
- 1997 4,360,300 acres of forests in Vermont
- 🍌1998 Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park dedicated - Vermont's 1st National Park
- 2002 W.U.M.S. 7th Graders visit the forest on Mt. Tom